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For: CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING
IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT

COMBINED PETITION, CERTIFICATION and
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicants' in order to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97-1.99.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the final action under 37 CFR §1.113. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(d), a petition and fee are required.

PETITION and FEE

It is hereby respectfully petitioned that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record. A petition fee in the amount of \$230.00 in accordance with 37 CFR §1.17(p) is attached.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was cited in the specification of the application. English-language counterparts of foreign-language documents have been provided where readily available. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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Applicants' respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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